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Dear Mr. Hubbard;

I noticed the article in the Olympian (our local paper) regarding the proposal to pasteurize shellfish.

We only purchase shellfish from certified growers. We only eat shellfish after they been properly cooked.

I have a few comments/concerns regarding this proposal.

I don't believe that local growers should be required to pasteurize their product when presently the beef and chicken industries aren't required to assure the public their product is free of E-coli.

People shouldn't eat shellfish raw and if they get sick after eating these products, it's their own fault.

Yours Truly;

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